

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method for facilitating printing, comprising the steps of:
providing to a consumer a first printer containing a fixed amount of imaging
substance, wherein said imaging substance is contained in a reservoir;
configuring said first printer to restrict access to said reservoir to authorized personnel;
5 receiving back from said consumer said first printer after a substantial portion of said
imaging substance has been used; and
exchanging said first printer with an exchange printer.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of recycling said first
printer received from said consumer.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of~~ A
method for facilitating printing, comprising the steps of:

providing to a consumer a first printer containing a fixed amount of imaging
substance, wherein said imaging substance is contained in a reservoir;

5 providing in said first printer a secured compartment containing said reservoir to
restrict access to said reservoir;

configuring said first printer to restrict access to said reservoir to authorized personnel;

receiving back from said consumer said first printer after a substantial portion of said
imaging substance has been used; and

10 exchanging said first printer with an exchange printer.

6. (Previously Presented) ~~The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of~~
A method for facilitating printing, comprising the steps of:

providing to a consumer a first printer containing a fixed amount of imaging
substance, wherein said imaging substance is contained in a reservoir;

5 providing in said first printer a secured compartment containing a printing mechanism and said reservoir, said secured compartment restricting access to said printing mechanism and said reservoir;

configuring said first printer to restrict access to said reservoir to authorized personnel;
receiving back from said consumer said first printer after a substantial portion of said
10 imaging substance has been used; and
exchanging said first printer with an exchange printer.

7. (Original). The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of communicating print data to said printing mechanism in said secured compartment.

8. (Previously Presented) ~~The method of claim 1~~ A method for facilitating printing, comprising the steps of:

providing to a consumer a first printer containing a fixed amount of imaging substance, wherein said imaging substance is contained in a reservoir;
5 configuring said first printer to restrict access to said reservoir to authorized personnel;
receiving back from said consumer said first printer after a substantial portion of said
imaging substance has been used; and
exchanging said first printer with an exchange printer,

wherein said first printer is an ink jet printer including a printing mechanism, said
10 method further comprising the step of configuring said ink jet printer to restrict access to said printing mechanism and said reservoir.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of communicating print data to said printing mechanism in a secured compartment containing said printing mechanism and said reservoir.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of configuring said first printer to operate only in a single printing mode.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of configuring said first printer to use only a single print media type.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of configuring said first printer to use only a single print media size.

13. (Canceled)

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27. (Canceled)

28. (Original) A method for facilitating imaging, comprising the steps of:

providing to a consumer a first recyclable imaging apparatus having a secured compartment containing a reservoir containing an initial amount of imaging substance, said secured compartment restricting access to said reservoir, said initial amount of imaging substance including a licensed amount of imaging substance and a surplus amount of imaging substance; and

receiving from said consumer a request for license renewal, wherein upon a grant of said request for license renewal said surplus amount of imaging substance is available for use in said first recyclable imaging apparatus.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising the steps of:

receiving from said consumer said first recyclable imaging apparatus after a substantial portion of said surplus amount of imaging substance has been used; and

exchanging said first recyclable imaging apparatus with a second recyclable imaging apparatus.